2. Generating Companies can be set up by private entrepreneurs;

3. The following major incentives have been offered:

(a) For both Licence and Generating Companies, the following is permitted:

— All private companies entering the Electricity Sector hereafter will be allowed a debt-equity ratio of 4:1.

— They can raise upto the minimum of 20 per cent of the total outlay through public issues.

— Promoters contribution should be at least 10 per cent of the total outlay.

— Not more than 40 per cent of the total outlay can come from Indian Public Financial Institutions.

— To ensure that private entrepreneurs bring in additionality of resources to the sector; they must find 60 per cent of the resources from sources other than public financial institutions.

— The condition of dividend balancing by export earnings which is normally being applied to cases of foreign investment upto 51 per cent equity will not be applicable to such foreign investments in the power sector.

— The rates for depreciation in respect of assets have been liberalised.

— With the approval of the Government, import of equipment for power projects will also be permitted in cases where foreign supplier's) or agency(ies) extend concessional credit.

— Normative parameters under which generating companies will operate (comparable to international standards) providing for 16 per cent rate of return have been notified on 30th March, 1992.

(b) The specific incentives for Licensees are:

— Licences of a longer duration of 30 years in the first instance and subsequent renewals of 20 years instead of 20 and 10 years respectively as it was before.

— Higher rate of return of 5 per cent in place of the previous 2 per cent above the RBI rate.

— Capitalisation of Interest; During Construction (IDC) at actual cost (for expansion projects also) as against 1 per cent over RBI rate as it was before.

Special appropriations to meet debt redemption obligations.

4. A High Powered Board has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary to monitor and provide for faster clearances of private sector power projects.

5. An investment Promotion Cell has been set up, in the Department of Power to provide single point reference facility for prospective investors.

Visit by delegation to U.K. and USA for investment in power sector

572. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

SHRI S. MADHAVAN:

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the recent visit of high level power delegation to U.K. and USA foreign investors have been shown interest in taking up joint ventures in the power sector in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any decision has been taken by Government with regard to inviting the foreign investors in the power sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A number of foreign companies had evinced interest in investing in Joint Venture Companies in the Indian Power Sector during the visit of the High Level. Power Delegation to U.K. and U.S.A.

(c) Tha private sector policy has been amended to allow upto 100 per cent equity participation by foreign companies.

Power generating capacity in the country

573. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total installed power generation capacity in the country and in the Southern region; and

(b) what are the shares of central sactor, hydro sector, thermal sector and nuclear sector therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) The total installed generating capacity in the country as on 31.3.1992 was 69070.39 MW. This includes 17214 MW capacity in Southern Region. The Category wise details are as under:—

Installed Capacity 31-3-1992

(Figures in MW)

	Hydro	Thermal	Nuclear	Total
Central Sector . . .	1044.01	15280.50	1785	18109.51
State Sector . . .	16869.12	30244.06	0	48113.18
Private Sector . . .	276.00	2571.70	0	2847.70
All India . . .	19189.13	48096.26	1785	69070.39

Number of Super Thermal Power Projects executed by NTPC

574. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Super Thermal Power Projects that have been executed by NTPC, region-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Southern region is being neglected by NTPC;

(c) whether there is any proposal to install another super thermal power project in Southern region;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The region-wise number of Super Thermal Power Projects